Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The number of elderly and disabled Americans is dramatically increasing; and,

Whereas, All citizens are impacted by the past and present contributions of America's elderly and disabled people; and,

Whereas, We salute our community's citizens now residing in nursing facilities, many of whom planted the seeds that made our community grow and prosper; and,

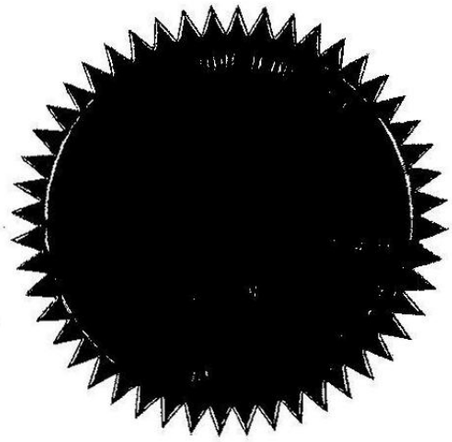
Whereas, Nursing facilities provide caring and supportive services that make quality of life possible for our loved ones; and,

Whereas, Member facilities of the American Health Care Association and the South Dakota Health Care Association are provided a host of activities in observance of National Nursing Home Week, guided by this year's theme, "Reflections of a Lifetime," beginning on Mother's Day, May 11, 2003; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2003, as

NURSING HOME WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these facilities and to help honor and serve the individuals who laid the foundations of South Dakota by participating in this year's observance of the week at one of your communities' facilities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State